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SUBJECT: HIGH-LEVEL GOT STATEMENTS ON POPPY QUESTION

1. MILLIYET REPORTS FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT'S MIXED BUDGET COMMITTEE ON APRIL 12, SAID: "WE INFORMED THE U.S.A. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT THE DECREE ABOUT THE POPPY BAN AND THAT IT WOULD BE CHANGED." GUNES ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THE PRIMARY QUESTION WAS "TO EXPLAIN TURKEY'S REALITIES TO THE WORLD PUBLIC WITHOUT BEING UNJUSTLY ACCUSED OF POISONING THE WORLD'S YOUTH".

2. ALSO, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH MODERATE-LEFTIST BARIS APRIL 15, DEFENSE MINISTER HASAN ISIK SAID THAT, IN THE TURKISH VIEW, THE POPPY QUESTION WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN MILITARY AID AND THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THAT THE U.S GOVERNMENT THOUGHT OTHERWISE.

3. COMMENT: WHILE GUNES'S STATEMENT OBVIOUSLY REFLECTS
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HIS UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICAL REALITIES HERE, IT IS CONTRARY TO

WHAT HE HAS TOLD ME, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT THE PRIME
MINISTER HAS TOLD ME, E.G., THAT WHILE THE SITUATION WITH
REGARD TO POPPY BAN CANNOT CONTINUE, NO DECISION ON THIS
SUBJECT HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE GOT NOR WILL IT BE FOR SOMETIME,
NOR WILL IT BE TAKEN WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH US. GUNES'
COMMENT SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE VIEWED AS REEMPHASIZING
OBVIOUS DIRECTION IN WHICH WIND IS BLOWING.
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